



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2515, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

8/26/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution to negotiate and execute a multiple use agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the development and construction of Shoal Creek Underpass at RM 2222.

Lead Department

Public Works.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the 2016 Mobility Bond (Local Mobility, Urban Trails and Bikeways).

Prior Council Action:

September 25, 2014 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20140925-143 adopting the Urban Trails Plan as a component of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

March 28, 2019 - Council passed Resolution No. 20190328-040, which called for efforts to accelerate timetables for planned bicycle, scooter, transit, sidewalks, and tier one urban trail infrastructure projects approved in the 2016 and 2018 City of Austin bond propositions and those funded by other means.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin Urban Trails Program, in coordination with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), is constructing a trail underpass at 2222/Northland Drive and Shoal Creek Blvd, as part of the Shoal Creek Trail system. This project will tie into the existing Shoal Creek Blvd protected bike lanes that were constructed in 2020 by the Austin Transportation Department. During ATD's Shoal Creek Blvd outreach process, the underpass was strongly favored by the community as a safer and more comfortable route for people walking and biking.

Through the 2016 Mobility Bond, the Urban Trails Program and the Bikeways Program were awarded \$46 million. From this allotment, funding was allocated to construct the Shoal Creek Underpass.

The underpass is located within TxDOT right-of-way as it passes under RM 2222/Northland Drive. This trail requires a multiple use agreement (MUA) between the City of Austin and TxDOT to establish roles and responsibilities for construction and maintenance of the underpass within TxDOT right-of-way.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.